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SUBJECT: GOA ADMITS ERRORS, PROMISES GREATER SECURITY IN DEBATE  
ON OPEC INCIDENT

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1. IN PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE JANUARY 27 ON INTERPELLATION CONCERNING GOVERNMENT'S HANDLING OF DECEMBER 21 TERRORIST ATTACK AT OPEC HEADQUARTERS, INTERIOR MINISTER ROSCH AGREED WITH CRITICS " THAT THERE HAD BEEN AN INCORRECT APPRAISAL OF THE OPEC SITUATION; IF WE HAD TAKEN OTHER MEASURES, THAT INCIDENT COULD HAVE BEEN PREVENTED." CHANCELLOR KREISKY SAID, HOWEVER, THAT GOA'S "DECISIVE MISTAKE IN SEEING NO THREAT TO OPEC" (SOME OF WHOSE MEMBERS PROMOTED TERRORISM, HE REFLECTED) RESULTED FROM ASSESSMENT SHARED BY OPEC ITSELF. IN FUTURE, HE SAID, GOA WOULD TAKE SPECIAL MEASURES WHEREVER SECURITY RISK COULD ARISE.

2. COMMENTING ON HANDLING OF SUCH INCIDENTS, KREISKY SAID ABSOLUTE REJECTION OF TERRORIST DEMANDS HAS LEAD TO TERRORISTS' CAPITULATION ONLY RARELY; RATHER, IT HAS  
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RESULTED IN ADDITIONAL VICTIMS, AND RETALIATION AGAINST

TERRORISM HAS EVEN PRODUCED ESCALATION OF TERROR. HE ADMITTED, HOWEVER, THAT NEGOTIATING WITH TERRORISTS AND AVOIDANCE OF ADDITIONAL FATALITIES WAS NOT AN APPROVED MEANS OF COUNTERACTING TERRORISM EITHER.

3. OPPOSITION CRITICISM FOCUSED MOSTLY UPON LACK OF ADEQUATE SECURITY MEASURES FOR MEETING INVOLVING TEN OPEC MINISTERS. PEOPLE'S PARTY SPOKESMAN, WHO SAID GOA PROVIDED BETTER SECURITY FOR VISITING ROCK STARS, PROPOSED CREATION OF SPECIAL ANTI-TERRORISM FORCE AND BETTER CHECK OF TRAVELLERS TO AUSTRIA. IN RESPONSE, GOVERNMENT DID NOT RULE OUT EVENTUAL RESTRUCTURING OF INTERNAL SECURITY ORGANIZATION (WHICH INTERIOR MINISTRY IS BEEFING UP WITH ADDITIONAL 700 VIENNA POLICE AND 500 GENDARMES) BUT REJECTED POSSIBILITY OF EFFECTIVE CONTROL OF 116 MILLION PERSONS WHO CROSS AUSTRIAN BORDERS EACH YEAR. BUCHANAN

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